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## Emory President Keynote Speaker at Inaguration

Emory's 17th President, James T. Laney, will be the keynote speaker for the October 19 inauguration of Wesleyan President, Dr. Robert K. Ackerman. Dr. Laney, President of Emory since 1977, was the Dean of the Candler School of Theology for eight years.

Born in Arkansas, Dr. Laney began his schooling in Memphis, Tennessee. He attended Yale College, graduating with honors in economics in 1950. He then entered Yale Divinity School, graduating with honors in 1954. President Laney, a Methodist minister, served a pastorate in Cincinnati before going to Korea with his family under the Board of Missions. For five years he taught at Yonsei University in Seoul and served on the staff of the Student Christian Movement.

Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Laney received his Ph.D. from Yale, where he was a D.C. Macintosh Fellow. He taught theology at the Vanderbilt Divinity School and was a Visiting Professor at Harvard, specializing in ethics and the moral life. He has published a number of essays, and is the author/editor of several books.

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Dr. James T. Laney

## Plans Announced for Inauguration



Dr. Robert K. Ackerman

The inauguration of Robert Kilgo Ackerman as twenty-second President of the College will be held on Friday, the nineteenth of October, in Porter Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. "The inaugural ceremony and ball on Friday evening will culminate a week-long schedule of events," announced Dr. Kayron McMinn, Dean of the College. Dr. McMinn is chairman of the Inauguration Steering Committee which is planning the week-long festivities scheduled in Dr. Ackerman's honor.

"Historically, inaugurations are more than just a formal introduction of the new President," commented Dr. McMinn. "This inauguration marks a time of growth, a time of reflection, a time of affirmation and a time of thanksgiving and celebration for Wesleyan. Today's students, who may have less feeling for the past, will realize that they are participating in an age-old tradition. Dr. Ackerman's inauguration, which comes on the eve of Wesleyan's 150th year, will serve as a tangible demonstration that Wesleyan continues to build for the

future based on the strength of its heritage."

Inauguration week will open on Sunday afternoon, October 14, with a gala inaugural celebration concert by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, followed by a reception. On Monday, the Faculty Art Exhibit in the adjoining Cowles Myles Collier Galleries will formally open. To honor the occasion, the Wesleyan Music Department will present a recital Tuesday, October 16.

A highlight of the week's events will be the symposium planned for Thursday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m. Featured panelists will include Dr. Elizabeth Tidball, noted researcher on achievement in women's colleges.

According to Patricia Bass, chairperson for the Women's College Symposium, the purpose of the panel is "to explore and to reaffirm the college's commitment to women's education and to educating tomorrow's leaders." She pointed out that this event will be the intellectual high point of inauguration week.

"In planning this symposium, the committee wanted to present a program which would make a substantive contribution to the College's constituencies and to the educational leaders of all women's colleges in the nation," said Mrs. Bass.

Inauguration day will open with a worship service for the campus community in the Candler Alumnae Center. The ceremony will begin with an academic procession at 10:30 a.m. Highlights include the world premiere of an anthem written especially for the occasion by Associate Professor of Music John O'Steen. Scored for organ, trumpet, trombone, timpani and chorus, the anthem will be performed by the Wesleyan College Glee Club.

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*Cris Wren Van Horn, AB '77/78, daughter of Dick and Frances Van Horn, Wesleyan's Director of Alumnae, has been named a Fulbright Scholar to Romania. As a Fulbright scholar, Cris Wren will study the Romanian language and economics at The University of Bucharest and then remain in the country to work on a trade manual. Congratulations, Cris Wren!*



## Inauguration Plans

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Dr. James Laney, President of Emory University, will give the keynote speech.

The week's events will close Friday evening with an inaugural ball at 8:00 p.m. honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ackerman. Dance bands will play in both the Oval Hall in the Candler Alumnae Center and the Anderson Dining Hall in the Olive Swann Porter Building. Guests may join the festivities at either location.



*Dean Kayron McMinn*

Dr. McMinn has announced the appointments of the following committees for inauguration week:

### Inauguration Steering Committee

Dr. Kayron McMinn, Dean of the College, Chairperson

Mrs. Rose Mary McKelvey, Director of Institutional Advancement

Mrs. Valeria Murphrey, Trustee

Dr. Nancy Bryson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Mr. Joe Timberlake, President of the Board of Associates

Miss Ann Munck, Professor of English

Mrs. Sandi Shipp, Alumnae Trustee

Mrs. Mary Hatfield, Dean of Student Services

Mr. Art Werger, Assistant Professor of Art

Dr. Sylvia Ross, Professor of Music

Ms. Libbie Powell, Student Trustee

### Atlanta Symphony Celebration Concert Committee

Ms. Linda Lane, Chairperson

Mrs. Mary Comer

Mrs. Mary Moody

Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker

Mrs. Jill Bigler

Mr. George McKinney

Mrs. Neva Fickling

### Guest List Committee

Mrs. Jackie Richardson, Chairperson

Mrs. Martha Swann

Mrs. Trudie Sessions

Miss Ann Maria Domingos

Mrs. Karen Shockley

### Inauguration Program Committee

Miss Ann Munck, Chairperson

Miss Alice Domingos

Dr. Fletcher Anderson

Dr. Marcile Taylor

Dr. Nancy Bryson

### Women's College Panel

Mrs. Patricia Bass, Chairperson

Mrs. Valeria Murphrey

Dr. Kayron McMinn

Dr. Marcile Taylor

Miss Ann Munck

Mrs. Nancy Anderson

Mrs. Arline Finch

### Inaugural Luncheon for Delegates and Special Guests

Mrs. Elsie Hambright, Chairperson

Mrs. Frances Van Horn, Co-Chairperson

### Registration

Mrs. Katherine Johnson

Mrs. Virginia Berlin

### Afternoon Activities

Ms. Lizann Youmans - Students

### Physical Facilities

Mrs. Mary Hatfield

### Faculty Marshall

Dr. Nancy Bryson

### Medallion

Mrs. Sandi Shipp

### Invitations

Mrs. Valeria Murphrey

Mrs. Rose Mary McKelvey

Mrs. Jill Bigler

### Special Music

Mr. John O'Steen

### Replies

Miss Alice Domingos

### Inaugural Ball

Mr. and Mrs. Will Manning

### Worship Service/Breakfast

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Timberlake

### Hospitality

Mrs. Mary Jo Plowden, Chairman

Mrs. Aileen Hatcher

Mrs. Ann Cummings

## Haynes Johnson To Address September Convocation

Haynes Johnson, national affairs columnist for *The Washington Post*, author and Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism, will be guest speaker at the September 18 Convocation at the College. This third program of the 1984-85 Convocation Series will be held Tuesday, September 18, at 11:15 a.m. in Porter Auditorium.

Born in New York City, Haynes Johnson is the son of Malcolm Malone Johnson of Gainesville, Georgia, and Ludie Adams Johnson of Macon. His mother studied music at the Wesleyan Conservatory for two years. His father also received a Pulitzer Prize in journalism in 1948 and was a reporter for the *Macon Telegraph*, 1924-1928.

In 1966, Mr. Johnson was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting of the civil rights movement in Selma, Alabama. Other awards received during his prolific writing career include: the Public Service Prize and Grand Award, the Interpretive Reporting Award, the National Reporting Award, the Sigma Delta

*"Arts Alive!" director Nancy Dyes, instructor in the Music Department, presented certificates of participation to piano and voice students. Over 25 junior high and high school musicians attended the College's summer music workshop.*



## Five New Trustees Elected At Wesleyan

On May 17, 1984 the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees elected five new members: William Tinsley Ellis, Julia (Judy) Woodward Gregory, Robert E. Knox, Jr., Elizabeth Sorrells Webb and Elizabeth (Libbie) Powell.

Trustee Ellis received a B.A. degree in 1955, a J.D. degree in 1958 from Emory University and an L.L.M. degree in taxation from New York University. In 1977 he was awarded an Honoris Causa degree from Nova University. A trustee of several private schools in Florida, he is also charter chairman of the Board of Governors of the Nova University School of Law and a member of the Board of Assembly, Emory College of Emory University.

Mr. Ellis is presently a partner in the Hollywood, Florida, firm of Ellis, Spencer, Butler and Kisslan and is a member of the Broward County and American Bar Associations.

Judy Woodward Gregory, a former alumnae trustee, is a resident of Quincy, Florida. A 1963 Wesleyan graduate, she holds a B.A. degree from the College and an M.A. degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Gregory's voluntary civic activities include many church and Sunday school positions, Girl Scouting, the American Red Cross, the Quincy Garden Club and the Pilot Club. In 1976 she was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

A resident of Thomson, Georgia, Trustee Robert E. Knox, Jr. received the A.B. degree from the University of

Georgia and the J.D. degree from Georgia's School of Law. He is a partner in the legal firm of Knox and Evans and is a member of the Toombs Circuit and Georgia Bar Associations.

Mr. Knox, active in several civic and social organizations, is a past director and president of the Thomson Rotary Club and past president of the Georgia Municipal Association. He is presently the Mayor and Recorder's Court Judge of the city of Thomson.

A 1969 Wesleyan graduate with an A.B. degree, Elizabeth Sorrells Webb graduated in 1978 from Mercer University Law School. She is currently employed with Robinson-Humphrey/American Express, Inc. and is a member of the DeKalb County, Georgia and American Bar Associations.

Ms. Webb is a former board member of the Atlanta Chamber Orchestra and currently serves on the board of Financial Female, Inc. She is the 1983-84 vice-chairman of the Atlanta Wesleyan College Professional Group.

Elizabeth (Libbie) Powell '85, the 1984-85 President of the Student Government Association, is student trustee. Libbie has been active in SGA for three years. A Wesleyan scholar throughout her college career, she has participated in many extra-curricular activities including athletics and Stunt.

A resident of Columbus, Georgia, Libbie is the daughter of William and Sylvia Anderson Powell (A.B. '59). Her sister, Billie, is a member of the class of 1986.

## Distinguished Award Nominations

All of Wesleyan's graduates are outstanding women. Many of these alumnae deserve special recognition for Distinguished Achievement in a profession, in the community, and in the home; or for Distinguished Service to the College, to the community, or to the church. The Awards committee of the Alumnae Association would appreciate your help. Please fill out this nomination form and return it with biographical information on the nominee to the Alumnae Office by December 1, 1984. All nominations will be considered by the Alumnae Awards Committee.

### NOMINATION FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN:

Profession  Community  Home

First Name Maiden Last Class

### NOMINATION FOR SERVICE TO:

Wesleyan College  Community  Church

First Name Maiden Last Class

### NOMINATOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

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Send to Alumnae Office, Wesleyan College, Macon, GA 31297. The office will send the nominator a biographical form to be completed and returned by December 1, 1984, for 1985 Award consideration.

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25      **Convocation Series:** Speaker - Dr. Conway Hunter.  
"Maintaining Physical Excellence." A look at the reality of drug and alcohol abuse. Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

26      **Classic Film Series:** "The Hindenburg" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

27      **Georgia Writers Series:** Hinton Lounge, 3 p.m.

OCTOBER  
1-31      **Art Exhibit:** Wesleyan College Faculty Exhibit. Paintings, drawings, sculpture and prints by Scott Duce, Tony Rice and Art Werger. Cowles Myles Collier Galleries, East Wing.

3      **Classic Film Series:** "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

4-6      **Theatre Production:** "Oedipus Rex," by Sophocles. A classic. Porter Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. \$4.00 and \$3.00

10      **Classic Film Series:** "The Ladykillers" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

14      **Inaugural Celebration Concert-** The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Porter Auditorium, 1:45 p.m.  
**Reception and Faculty Art Exhibit** Cowles Myles Collier Galleries Porter Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

15      **Faculty Art Show Opening** - Porter Fine Arts Building, 7:30 p.m.

16      **Recital** - Wesleyan College Music Department - Porter Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

17      **Classic Film Series:** "The Third Man" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

18      **Symposium** - "Women's Colleges: Educating Tomorrow's Leaders." 3:00 p.m.

19      **Worship Service** - Benson Room, Candler Alumnae Center, 8:30 a.m.  
**Inauguration** - Porter Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.  
**Inaugural Ball** - The Oval Hall, Candler Alumnae Building and Anderson Dining Room, Olive Swann Porter Building, 8:00 p.m.

23      **Convocation Series:** Speaker - Dr. Melvin Kranzberg, "The Impact of Technology." Callaway Professor of the History of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology. Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

24      **Classic Film Series:** "Stairway to Heaven" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

25      **Georgia Writers Series** Hinton Lounge, 3 p.m.

30      **Convocation Series:** Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.  
**Outstanding Alumnae Recital Series:** Lucy Anne Fisackerly Adams '80, pianist. Porter Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER  
4      **Art Exhibit:** Robin Gibson from Pennsylvania State University. Prints, lithographs, woodcuts and etchings will be exhibited through December 14, 1984. Cowles Myles Collier Galleries, East Wing.

7      **Classic Film Series:** "Reap the Wild Wind" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

8-10      **Theatre Production:** Readers' Theatre, Porter Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. \$2.00

14      **Classic Film Series:** "Hamlet" Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

15      **Convocation Series:** Thanksgiving Service. Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

DECEMBER  
2      **Christmas Concert:** Wesleyan College Glee Club, directed by Dr. Sylvia Ross; and The Wesleyannes, directed by Dr. Fletcher Anderson. Porter Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

## Mediterranean Adventure

### Greece Tour

November 17-25, 1984

\$1,295 from Atlanta -  
Single Supplement \$125

**Stay In Athens**  
(One-Day Three Island  
Cruise Included)  
(Optional Tour Available)

Deposit \$100 -  
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Wesleyan College,  
Macon, Ga. 31297

  
Susan Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cole, is pictured here with Georgia Senator Mack Mattingly. Susan, a junior at Wesleyan, served an internship this summer with the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations. She assisted Senator Mattingly and his staff in the administrative, legislative and press departments.



Haynes Johnson

Chi Award for general reporting, and several other Newspaper Guild Front Page Awards.

In addition to being a columnist at the Post, Johnson is a frequent panelist on the PBS program, "Washington Week in Review" and has made appearances on NBC's "Today" show.

He is the author of *Dusk at the Mountain*, *The Bay of Pigs*, *The Working White House* and *In the Absence of Power: Governing America*; and editor of *The Fall of a President*.

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri's School of Journalism at Columbia and his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He was appointed the Ferris professorship in journalism and public affairs at Princeton University on two occasions, and was a Fellow in Communications at Duke University 1973-74.

### THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Robert Shaw, conducting, will present an INAUGURAL CELEBRATION CONCERT Sunday, October 14 1:45 p.m. Porter Auditorium Complimentary tickets available Auditorium box office opens October 2 Hours 11 - 2

## Make Your Plans For Alumni Weekend 1985

This year's exciting Alumnae Weekend will be held April 19-21, 1985! Remember, we have gone back to the "cluster" plan, so check the list to see if your class is having a special reunion. Over 500 alumnae returned to Wesleyan last April to meet our new President, Dr. Robert Ackerman.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your former friends and classmates. Now is the time to start calling and writing your close classmates to make a date for April 19-21, 1985! If you need addresses, the Alumnae Office will be pleased to send them to you.

The 50th reunion class and older reunion classes can expect a special treat at the Golden Belles Dinner, which is hosted by President and Mrs. Ackerman. All reunion classes will, of course, have their own special parties. Mark this on your schedule to return to Wesleyan in April, 1985!

### SPECIAL REUNION CLASSES

1910	1930	1950-35th	1960-25th	1975-10th
1915	1931	1955	1969	1983-2nd
1917	1932	1957	1970	
1925	1935-50th		1971	

All alumnae and spouses are invited to Alumnae Weekend.

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President Laney has served on advisory committees at Yale, the University of Chicago, and is chairman of the Board of Overseers Committee to Visit the Divinity School at Harvard University. He is currently active in various civic affairs including: Leadership Atlanta, The United Way, the Atlanta Rotary Club and The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Dr. Laney is a member of the Board of Sponsors for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and serves as a trustee of the Atlanta Arts Alliance and The Westminster Schools.

He and his wife, the former Berta Radford, have five children.

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**Classic Film Series:** "Butterflies Are Free"  
Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER  
1-29

**Art Exhibit:** Sharyn Jayne Hyatt, Pencil Drawings illustrating the poems of Kathryn Stripling Byer '66. Cowles Myles Collier Galleries, East Wing. (Opens September 28)

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**Classic Film Series:** "Thoroughly Modern Millie"  
Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

6

**Opening Convocation:** Speaker - Dr. Robert K. Ackerman  
Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

12

**Classic Film Series:** "Charade"  
Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

13

**Convocation Series:** "Alma" by Kathryn Stripling Byer, AB '66. Ms. Byer's poems outline the life and spiritual journey of an Appalachian woman in the 17th century. Traditional songs will be performed by Joyce Farwell, mezzo soprano, and Steve Lawson, guitarist.  
Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

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**Convocation Series:** Speaker - Haynes Johnson, columnist with The Washington Post and panel member on PBS's "Washington Week in Review." Pulitzer Prize winner (1966) for National reporting on the civil rights movement.  
Porter Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

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**Classic Film Series:** "The Reivers"  
Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

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## ROBERT SHAW TO CONDUCT INAUGURAL CELEBRATION CONCERT



Mr. Robert Shaw

Robert Shaw, internationally known musician and conductor of the Atlanta Symphony, will direct the orchestra in an Inaugural Celebration Concert Sunday, October 14 at Wesleyan College. The concert will be the College's gift to the community in honor of the inauguration of Dr. Robert K. Ackerman as twenty-second President of Wesleyan. It will be held at 1:45 p.m. in Porter Auditorium and will be followed by a reception at 3:30.

Robert Shaw is considered a pioneer in music because of his involvement with modern techniques in performance and recording and his dedication to the advancement of modern musical composition. In 1967, the orchestra chose Shaw to succeed the retiring conductor, Henry Sopkin, with the goal of advancing the now highly-professional orchestra into a new era of growth and excellence.

Formerly world-famous for directing the Robert Shaw Chorale, Shaw also was music director of the San Diego Symphony and, in 1956,

became associate conductor for the Cleveland Symphony under one of great conductors of all-time, George Szell. He was a protege' of Arturo Toscanini as well.

Shaw's performances have been acclaimed as "magnificent" . . . "exciting" . . . "magic." As a musician, humanitarian and spokesman for the arts, Shaw has developed a philosophy that is the foundation for this "magic." The a declares Shaw, "celebrate and affirm life; and in doing so, help us to define our lives. The more deeply such we can lead us into ourselves, the more completely we return to one another."

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, now in its 39th season, is considered to be one of the major professional orchestras in the United States. Today, Robert Shaw leads this 91-member-strong Orchestra in its "commitment to the role of all orchestras -first established by Schumann and Mendelssohn - to present the music of past and present, both familiar and unknown."